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They will be very unhappy if they think we folks here at home will not observe Christmas with our usual spirit.

The way to keep our boys in fine fettle is to think about them as they think about themselves.

They do not want us to worry about them.

They want us to back them up with good cheer and stout hearts.

Therefore, let us send them a cheering message—don't heart sob.

Let us tell them that we will celebrate Christmas—more sanely than usual, of course, because we will not waste anything or be unduly extravagant in our gifts—but let us let them know that we are not grieving our hearts out because of the risks they run in fighting for their country.

Let us give them to understand that we are proud of them—that it is glorious to fight for one's country—that we would like to be alongside of them if we could.

We wish them A Merry Christmas.

They will have it because they are made of the right stuff.

Let us who are compelled to remain at home be merry with them.

There will be good cheer in the Belleclaire all day on Christmas.

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